

that people could practice religion as they saw fit, but also to prevent government from meddling in organized religion. Those who seek to expand religious expression by allowing the government to participating in it do great harm to the religious and non-religious.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARMANDO  
PEREZ

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize the life and contributions of a tremendous community advocate, Armando Perez.

For over 30 years, Armando Perez was an outspoken advocate who championed the rights of the Lower East Side's poor and working class. Armando was the co-founder, and Artistic Director of CHARAS/El Bohio Cultural and Community Center—a building in our community which recently received landmark status as it embodied the spirit of the neighborhood's history of organizing and grassroots activism—largely due to the work and dedication of Mr. Perez.

Armando was a true champion and leader within our community. Not only was he a Democratic district leader for his neighborhood, but he was also a tireless community activist on multiple fronts. Armando can be credited with helping to lead the fight to preserve the character and history of the Lower East Side—and succeeding.

Those that had the honor of working alongside Armando, and knowing him on a personal level, remember him for both his strong sense of honesty and for his humor. Many were inspired by the feelings of trust he instilled in others, the passion he had for the pursuit of justice, and the encouragement he offered to all in fighting for the betterment of our community.

Mr. Perez spent his lifetime helping others, especially the poor and working class. His commitment, contributions and leadership are now engrained in the Lower East Side. In honor of Armando's work and dedication to our community, a local street, E. Ninth, was renamed for him. This is a small token of appreciation for all that Mr. Perez gave to our community—but one that will be recognized for generations to come, keeping his memory alive and vibrant throughout our neighborhood.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to honor the life and contributions of Armando Perez—a true, champion.

CONGRATULATING JAMES T.  
CASSIDY, MD, ON HIS MEDICAL  
CAREER AND OUTSTANDING  
SERVICE

**HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the career of a great Missou-

rian, a physician who has practiced for years in my home town of Columbia, MO. He literally wrote the book on pediatric rheumatology, and has provided outstanding health care over a distinguished medical career. He is being honored at the Cassidy Symposium at the University of Missouri School of Medicine on October 7, 2006.

Dr. Cassidy is an outstanding pediatric rheumatologist, well-known nationally and internationally. He has been a leader in the field of rheumatology for over 40 years and a founding member of many of the subspecialty organizations.

Dr. Cassidy was born in 1920 in Oil City, PA, and received both his undergraduate and medical education at the University of Michigan. He completed 2 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy and 7 years in the Naval Reserve. He returned to the University of Michigan to complete his residency in Intellectual Medicine and a rheumatology fellowship in the Rackham Arthritis Research Unit under the mentorship of Drs. Roseman and Johnson. He went on to the faculty in 1963 and worked his way up the ranks, becoming Professor of Intellectual Medicine and Pediatrics in 1974. In 1984 he was recruited as Professor and Chair of Pediatrics at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, NE, and then 4 years later as professor in the Department of Child Health and Internal Medicine and Chief of Pediatric Rheumatology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He became emeritus in 1996 and continued to staff his arthritis clinics until this year.

He is a Diplomate of both the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Pediatrics and their respective rheumatology sub-boards.

He has received many honors and awards including Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omega Alpha, Excellence in Education Award from the University of Missouri SOM, National Service Citation from the Arthritis Foundation, and Master of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR). He is a member of a number of prestigious organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Physicians, the American College of Rheumatology, the British Society of Rheumatology, the American Pediatric Society and the Society of Pediatric Research.

He has served the academic and the rheumatology community admirably with service on numerous committees including as a Founding Member of the Council on Pediatric Rheumatology of the ACR and Chair of the Academic Pediatric Rheumatology Blue Ribbon Committee, the BOD of the Arthritis Foundation and the first Executive Committee of the American Juvenile Arthritis Organization, and Chair of the Executive Committee for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Through Dr. Cassidy's efforts, the Missouri Department of Health established the Juvenile Arthritis Care Coordination Program in 1993 to help families obtain family-centered, community based, coordinated care for children diagnosed with juvenile arthritis.

Along with Drs. Brewer and Kredich, he was instrumental in the development of the Subboard of Pediatric Rheumatology and the acceptance of educational training programs in Pediatric Rheumatology by the American Council of Graduate Medical Education.

He has published over 150 manuscripts and book chapters and is the founding author of

the "Textbook of Pediatric Rheumatology" now in its fifth Edition and the leading textbook in the field. He is a frequent invited speaker, having addressed audiences all over the world.

In summary, he is the consummate academician and a founding member of pediatric rheumatology as a recognized subspecialty. He is a great American, he has treated my constituents and their children with dedication and sympathy, and I am grateful they have brought his distinguished career to my attention. I congratulate Dr. Cassidy on his many successes, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

HONORING CAROLYN TATE

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, Carolyn Tate, UAW Retired Workers International Representative, was born in Freeport, Illinois, on June 23, 1945. Only daughter of James and Vinnie Arnold she also has three brothers, James Arnold, Jr., Columbus, Ohio, David Arnold, Cincinnati, Ohio and Eddie Arnold, Oakland, California. Carolyn moved to Oakland, California in 1958. She met and married Bennie Tate, Jr. in December 1964, and had three children, Steven, Karen, and Tracy Tate. She has one grandson Steven M. Tate and a second grandson on the way.

Carolyn attended Berkeley High School, Berkeley California, and graduated in June of 1963. Continued her education by attending Merritt College, Oakland, California, and received her Associate in Arts Degree, Liberal Arts Studies in June 1980. Being aware of the importance of continuing her learning experience in 2001 Carolyn was accorded senior status at Cal State University, Long Beach, where she intends to pursue a B.A. Degree in her new role as a retiree.

Carolyn's work and professional experiences are quite interesting to follow. In her search for short term employment she interviewed with General Motors Part Depot in September 1973. Interesting to note, that job led to 33 years of service with the UAW and General Motors. Her plant closed and she relocated to Sparks, Nevada in 1980. She immediately became involved with UAW Local 1262 and became the Financial Secretary of the Local and held that elected position for 12 years. In 1988, she implemented the first V-CAP check-off drive in the GM facility which Tripled Local 2162's contributions to the UAW's V-CAP regional program.

Remembering having heard UAW President Walter Reuther's old saying that there was a definite connection between the ballot box and collective bargaining, she decided to become very active in the Democratic party of Nevada. During the party activities led her to hold various positions which included Washoe County Registrar from 1986 to 1992. It was in Nevada that Carolyn, not only became an extremely active UAW Local Union officer, but she also began to be more deeply involved in community activities making her a committed activist for social change. In 1989, UAW leadership noticed this active Local union official and was appointed by Vice-President Stephen P.

Yokich, as the UAW quality network representative.

Having shown a quick grasp of the make up of UAW activities, she was recommended for an appointment to the International Staff by Region 6 Director Bruce Lee. Upon that recommendation in August 1992, UAW President Owen Bieber appointed her to the International Staff and was relocated to the UAW headquarters in Artesia, California. Her first assignment was an International Organizer, and shortly thereafter there was an opening in the UAW Retirement Workers Department and she was assigned to that position where she spent the last 14 years. In that capacity, Carolyn coordinated and implemented UAW senior activities, programs, political action, lobbying events and all Get Out to Vote/registration Drives in California, Nevada, Oregon, Arizona and Washington State for over twenty-seven thousand UAW Retirees. Under Director Jim Wells leadership, since 1995, she elevated Region 5—West Retiree's to holding the number one title for UAW V—CAP fundraising drives.

Carolyn Tate's experiences as a working mother, union organizer, international representative, dedicated community activist, and political action and lobbying activities, make her an outstanding model for others, male and female, to follow and emulate. She has proven that in spite of obstacles that one faces in life, one can always strive to improve oneself by sticking to it and giving service to others.

#### HONORING NEELY MOODY

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished public service of Mr. Neely Moody, who until recently, served as Inspector General of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA).

Throughout his 43 years as a public servant, Mr. Moody has distinguished himself as a dedicated leader, one who faced challenges with determination, persistence and balance. This was true early in his 20-year U.S. Air Force career, and remained true throughout his 23-year DIA career.

From the time of his March 2003 appointment as DIA Inspector General until his retirement, Mr. Moody capably led the Office of the Inspector General in promoting the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of DIA and defense intelligence programs and operations.

Prior to his appointment as DIA Inspector General, Mr. Moody served as the Chief, Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity, where he effectively led the effort to develop and implement DIA employment opportunity, and diversity management policy and procedures. During his tenure as Chief, Personnel Security Division, DIA, he effectively managed the agency's personnel security program and promulgated Director of Central Intelligence personnel security policies within the Department of Defense.

During his military career, Mr. Moody served in diverse career specialties of security, counterintelligence, law enforcement, munitions maintenance, aircraft maintenance, and special investigations. He distinguished himself

throughout his active duty career, including in his final assignment as a Chief in the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Mr. Moody's service to our nation has been recognized for his service and achievements in a host of ways. He is the recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive in the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service, the DIA Director's Award for Exceptional Civilian Service, the Director of Central Intelligence's Meritorious Unit Award and the NAACP Award of Recognition for EO, Affirmative Action, and Public Service. His military service recognition includes the USAF Meritorious Service Medal and Air Force Achievement Medal.

Mr. Moody is widely respected as leader, mentor and confidant. He has made a difference to countless individuals in the Intelligence Community and military. Moreover, he is admired for his commitment to continuing to make a difference in the lives of others in his retirement endeavors.

Mr. Moody's lifelong dedication and selfless service to our nation are an inspiration to all. I am proud to honor him on this day which also marks the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007.

#### MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTION DIGITAL AND WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2005

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act.

For years, reports have indicated that minority-serving institutions such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities have produced the majority of African American scientists and engineers.

These colleges and universities have created a strong pipeline of technical excellence among minority populations.

Young African American and Hispanic students, rising through the ranks and full of promise, see role models in the professors and scientists with whom they interact at these institutions.

The absence of consistent role models is a major contributing factor of why underrepresented minorities have faced challenges in increasing their numbers in our high-tech domestic workforce.

The Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act would establish a program at the National Science Foundation to award grants to such institutions to provide educational instruction in digital and wireless network technologies.

If enacted, the bill would also help minority-serving institutions strengthen their digital and wireless infrastructure and would also give them an opportunity to provide input for how grant proposals would be reviewed and evaluated.

One other nice point about the bill is that it encourages partnership formation between the institutions and third parties by requiring a matching recipient contribution of 25 percent of the federal assistance amount.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that minority serving education institutions are extremely valuable in supporting our domestic minority workforce.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities; Hispanic-, Alaska Native-, and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions; tribally controlled colleges and universities; and others tend to have a substantial high-need student population and deserve our support.

Mr. Speaker, I support this bill and urge my colleagues to vote for its passage.

#### IN MEMORY OF JIM WADE

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to pay tribute today to one of my best friends from childhood, Jim Wade of Dallas, TX, who passed away in May at the age of 85. Jim and I grew up together in Rockwall, TX and shared many wonderful times over the years. He was a great patriot who was devoted to his family, his State, and his country.

Jim attended Rockwall High School, studied at the University of Texas and graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1943. He served his country in General George Patton's 3rd Army in England, landing on Utah Beach in July 1944. His service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Czechoslovakia earned him five battle stars as well as a Bronze Star Medal for individual bravery for relief efforts of Bastogne in the Battle of the Bulge. Jim's later service included tours in China and Taiwan before he resigned with the rank of major.

Jim lived in Denver, San Antonio, and Beeville and returned to Dallas in 1959 to begin a long and distinguished career with New York Life Insurance Company. Jim and I shared an interest in public service and served together in the Texas State Senate. He also served in the Texas House of Representatives.

Jim was the last of 11 children born to Henry Wade and Lula Wade, all of whom preceded him in death. Jim followed in the steps of his father, the late Henry Wade, who was a longtime County Judge of Rockwall County, and in the steps of his brother, the late Henry Wade, Jr., famous Dallas District Attorney for many years, and along with the late Faires Wade, the late Ney Wade, the late Reese Wade, the late Mart Wade, and the late Joe Wade, all former criminal District Attorneys of Rockwall County, with Joe Wade also a longtime District Judge of Bee County. As they graduated from law school, the father would get them elected County Attorney and make the incumbent son move out of office to make room for the latest law school graduate. They were all successful lawyers, and Jim gave some good years to Dallas County as their State Senator. Four other family members, sisters Carrie, Nona and Lillian, and brother Dr. Colquitt Wade also were successful in life and active in politics.

Jim was devoted to his family and served his country and State with pride and dignity. His many leadership positions brought him respect, but his friendships brought him admiration. He enjoyed the relationships he cultivated with friends at the Dallas Country Club, where